HIGHER EDUCATION PROSPECTUS

UNIVERSITY CENTRE MIDDLESBROUGH

Part of Middlesbrough College

TAKING YOU HIGHER



2027/28

Welcome to **UNIVERSITY CENTRE MIDDLESBROUGH**

Your pathway to higher education, new opportunities and the career you've always dreamed of.

Starting university is about more than studying a subject you love, it's about preparing for the career you want and the life you've imagined.

At University Centre Middlesbrough, we help you develop the skills, qualifications and experiences that make you stand out through our career-focused university programmes and excellent relationships with local, regional and national employers.

Whether you're starting university for the first time or returning to education to advance your career, you'll find your place in our close-knit community located on our Middlehaven campus, and we'll give you all the support you need on your journey.

Where do you want to go, and who do you want to be? Find out at UCM!



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WHAT OUR STUDENTS THOUGHT...

99% praised staff for explaining concepts clearly

94% said tutors made learning engaging

98% felt assessments accurately reflected their knowledge and skills

96% found feedback valuable in helping them improve

95% felt supported throughout their studies

94% said wellbeing and support information was easy to access and understand

Source: National Student Survey 2026

What we **OFFER**



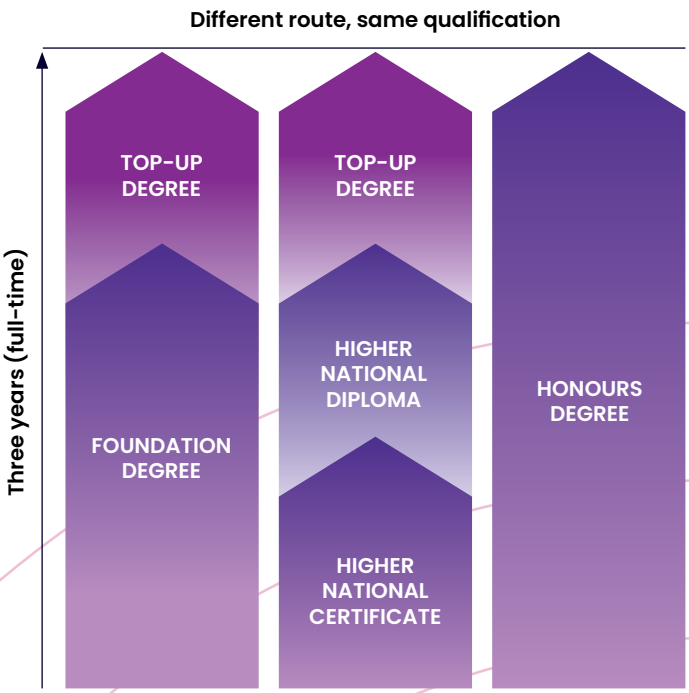
Discover our globally recognised qualifications awarded by The Open University and Pearson Education, meticulously designed to ensure you graduate ready to step into a successful career or progress seamlessly to further study.

Level 4-5	**HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP** Equivalent to qualifications from a foundation degree
Level 4	**HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE** Equivalent to the first year of university study
Level 5	**HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA** Equivalent to the second year of university study
Level 5	**FOUNDATION DEGREE** Equivalent to the first and second year of university study
Level 6	**TOP-UP DEGREE** Equivalent to the final year of university study **HONOURS DEGREE** Three-year undergraduate programmes

Your degree, **YOUR WAY**

Build your degree around your life and commitments with our flexible programmes, including full-time and part-time study options.

No matter which route you take, you'll graduate with a globally recognised qualification that opens the door to unrivalled opportunities for your future.



WE ALSO OFFER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Certificate in Higher Education in Health, Wellbeing and Social Care (Level 4)
- Certificate in Education (Level 5)
- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education and Training (PGCE - Level 6)

LOOK OUT FOR THE HTQ BADGE!

Many of our qualifications have Higher Technical Qualification status, which means they meet employer-led standards and give you the practical skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in your chosen career.

NOT GOT THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY?

Our one-year Access to Higher Education Diplomas are the perfect stepping stone to get you the qualifications you need for university.

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Our **PROGRAMMES**

Key

- ● Full-time
- ◗ Part-time
- ◆ HTQ
- ■ NEIoT

CONSTRUCTION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

- Higher National Certificate in Construction Management for England ● ◗ ◆ ■

EARLY YEARS AND EDUCATION

- Foundation degree in Teaching and Learning ● ◗
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Professional Studies (Top-up degree) ● ◗
- BA (Hons) Teaching and Learning (Top-up degree) ● ◗
- Certificate in Education and Training (Cert Ed) ● ◗
- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education and Training (PGCE) ● ◗

ENGINEERING

- Higher National Certificate in Electrical and Electronic Engineering for England ● ◗ ◆ ■
- Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering for England ● ◗ ◆ ■
- Higher National Certificate in Operations Engineering for England ● ◗ ◆ ■
- Higher National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering for England ● ◗ ◆ ■
- Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering for England ● ◗ ◆ ■
- Higher National Diploma in Operations Engineering for England ● ◗ ◆ ■
- BEng (Hons) Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) (Top-up degree) ● ◗ ■
- BEng (Hons) Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) (Top-up degree) ● ◗ ■
- BEng (Hons) Engineering (Operations Engineering) (Top-up degree) ● ◗ ■

HAIR, BEAUTY AND MEDIA MAKEUP

- BA (Hons) Specialist Hair and Makeup Artistry for Creative Industries (Top-up degree) ●

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- Certificate of Higher Education in Health, Wellbeing and Social Care ●
- Foundation degree in Health, Wellbeing and Social Care ●
- BSc (Hons) Health, Wellbeing and Social Care (Top-up degree) ●

Please note: some of the courses offered at UCM are currently subject to (re)validation by The Open University. Please check the course information page on our website for full details on the validation status of your chosen course.

HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY ARTS

- Foundation degree in Culinary Arts & Management ● ◗
- Foundation degree in Hospitality Management ● ◗
- BA (Hons) Culinary Arts and Management (Top-up degree) ● ◗
- BA (Hons) Hospitality Management (Top-up degree) ● ◗

IT AND DIGITAL

- Foundation degree in Computing ● ◗ ◆ ■
- BSc (Hons) Computing (Top-up degree) ● ◗ ■

MUSIC, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL TECHNOLOGY

- Foundation degree in Audio and Music Production ● ◆
- Foundation degree in Audiovisual Technology ●
- BA (Hons) Audio and Music Production (Top-up degree) ●
- BSc (Hons) Audiovisual Technology (Top-up degree) ●
- BA (Hons) Film and Video Production (Full honours degree) ●

SPORTS AND RECREATION

- Foundation degree in Sports Therapy with Rehabilitation ● ◗
- Foundation degree in Sports Coaching, Development and Fitness ● ◗
- BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy with Rehabilitation (Top-up degree) ● ◗
- BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching, Development and Fitness (Top-up degree) ● ◗

TRAVEL, TOURISM AND AVIATION

- Foundation degree in Travel and Tourism Management ● ◗
- Foundation degree in Airport and Airline Management ● ◗
- BA (Hons) Tourism Management (Top-up degree) ● ◗
- BA (Hons) Airport and Airline Passenger Management (Top-up degree) ● ◗

POLICING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Foundation degree in Policing, Criminal Justice and Behavioural Science ●
- BSc (Hons) Policing, Criminal Justice and Behavioural Science ●

Scan the QR code to take a closer look at what we offer!



UNIVERSITY CENTRE MIDDLESBROUGH

WHY CHOOSE US?

Growth, talent, passion.

1

GLOBALLY RECOGNISED DEGREES



Our programmes are validated by The Open University and Pearson Education, giving you a qualification that's recognised and trusted by employers around the world.

STUDY YOUR WAY



With flexible study programmes, including full-time and part-time study options, you stay in control, balancing your qualifications with work, family and everything else that's important to you.

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3

SMALL CLASS SIZES



Forget crowded lecture halls! At UCM, you'll benefit from small class sizes and one-to-one feedback.

That's what defines higher education at UCM. Your goals are our goals, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY



Our community-focused approach puts your student experience front and centre. We ensure you feel valued and supported so you can make the most of your time studying with us.

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A MODERN CAMPUS



Study in a space designed just for you! With exclusive access for higher education students, our UCM open-access area offers a range of modern facilities, quiet study zones, collaborative workspaces and welcoming social areas.

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM DAY ONE



From the day you apply to graduation, our specialist support teams are here for you. From wellbeing and careers advice to academic and financial guidance, whatever you need, we've got your back.

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World-ready, **CAREER-READY**

Employability is at the core of everything we do. We don't just prepare you for graduation, we get you ready for life beyond it, equipping you with the skills, confidence and knowledge to thrive in a competitive job market.

DIRECT FROM INDUSTRY TO YOU

Your degree is shaped by employers, not just textbooks. With masterclasses, live projects, work placements and guest speakers, you'll gain real-world experience that makes you stand out.

CONNECTIONS THAT COUNT

Our excellent relationships with local, regional and national businesses give you direct access to exciting opportunities from day one. It's why so many of our graduates go straight into successful careers right here in the region!

We work closely with employers to design our programmes, keeping you ahead of industry trends and fully prepared for the world of work. This means that when you graduate, you'll do so with the competitive edge employers are looking for.



Find out more about the North East Institute of Technology

NORTH EAST INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS

With years of industry experience, our tutors know exactly what employers are looking for and they'll pass that insider knowledge on to you.

PROFESSIONAL CAREERS GUIDANCE

From CV tips and interview skills to exploring your next step, our Careers Team help our students become some of the most employable people in the region!

TECHNICAL LEADERS

As a partner of the North East Institute of Technology (NEIoT), you'll gain high-level technical training that sets you apart. Look out for the IoT badge on our programmes, it means that course is recognised for outstanding technical training!

Discover our **FIRST-CLASS CAMPUS**

Our university centre provides a cutting-edge space to socialise, study and succeed!



"Before you can train a skilled workforce, you have to ask what it is industry wants. That's exactly what has happened here. There's a real understanding here of what industry needs and the new centre is delivering the kind of training that provides real experience."

Professor Brian Cox
Opening of University Centre Middlesbrough in 2015



CAMPUS HEART

Our Campus Heart is the perfect place to relax and socialise between lectures, featuring Costa Coffee and our very own Street Eats!



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

An inspiring, quiet hub filled with books and access to state-of-the-art computers.



TTE ENGINEERING TRAINING CENTRES

As STEM specialists, we deliver training in world-class facilities. You'll train in our TTE Technical Training Centres, home to £32m worth of investment and industry-standard environments that prepare you for careers in engineering.



MC DIGITAL

Our dedicated MC Digital centre provides a pioneering environment, placing learners at the heart of industry. This multi-million-pound facility features everything from industry-leading programming suites, cyber labs, video editing suites to a games design suite, an esports lab and a modern TV and film studio.

Support from **DAY ONE**

Scan the QR code to learn more on our website

Your health and wellbeing should be your top priority, so we've made it ours, too. We've built a strong support network to help you stay on track and thrive throughout your studies.

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

Our free, confidential Student Counselling Service is available to every student. Whether you're facing personal challenges, feeling stressed or simply need someone to talk to, our team is here to listen and support you.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

UCM is a place for everyone. We celebrate diversity and provide tailored support for students with sensory or mobility difficulties, long-term medical conditions, neurodiversity or a mental health condition.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can let us know about any support needs before you even start your programme. To speak confidentially to our Wellbeing Team, call **01642 333868** or email **swo@mbro.ac.uk**.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Our trained staff offer a range of services depending on your individual requirements. This includes advice on applying for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) to cover the cost of additional study support.

For more information, contact us by emailing **heoffice@mbro.ac.uk**.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DISABLED STUDENTS

We are proud to be signed up to the Disabled Student Commitment, reflecting our dedication to creating an inclusive, supportive, and accessible environment for every learner.





MEET YOUR UCM SUPPORT TEAM

Sam and Robyn are here to support you every step of the way, from providing help with your initial application to arranging student finance.

Sam Matthews
Higher Education Administrator & Data Controller
s.matthews@mbro.ac.uk

Sam supports students with student finance, council tax exemption, proof of enrolment, grade confirmations and official letter or email requests.

Robyn Dixon-Watson
Student Support & Participation Coordinator
re.dixon-watson@mbro.ac.uk

Robyn provides direct support to students with additional needs, including disabilities, health conditions and learning difficulties. She also arranges reasonable adjustments to ensure you can access your studies fully.

Together, Sam and Robyn are with you every step of the way, from application to enrolment and eventually graduation!

TAKING MOHAMMAD HIGHER

"The level of support from the tutors has been absolutely incredible.

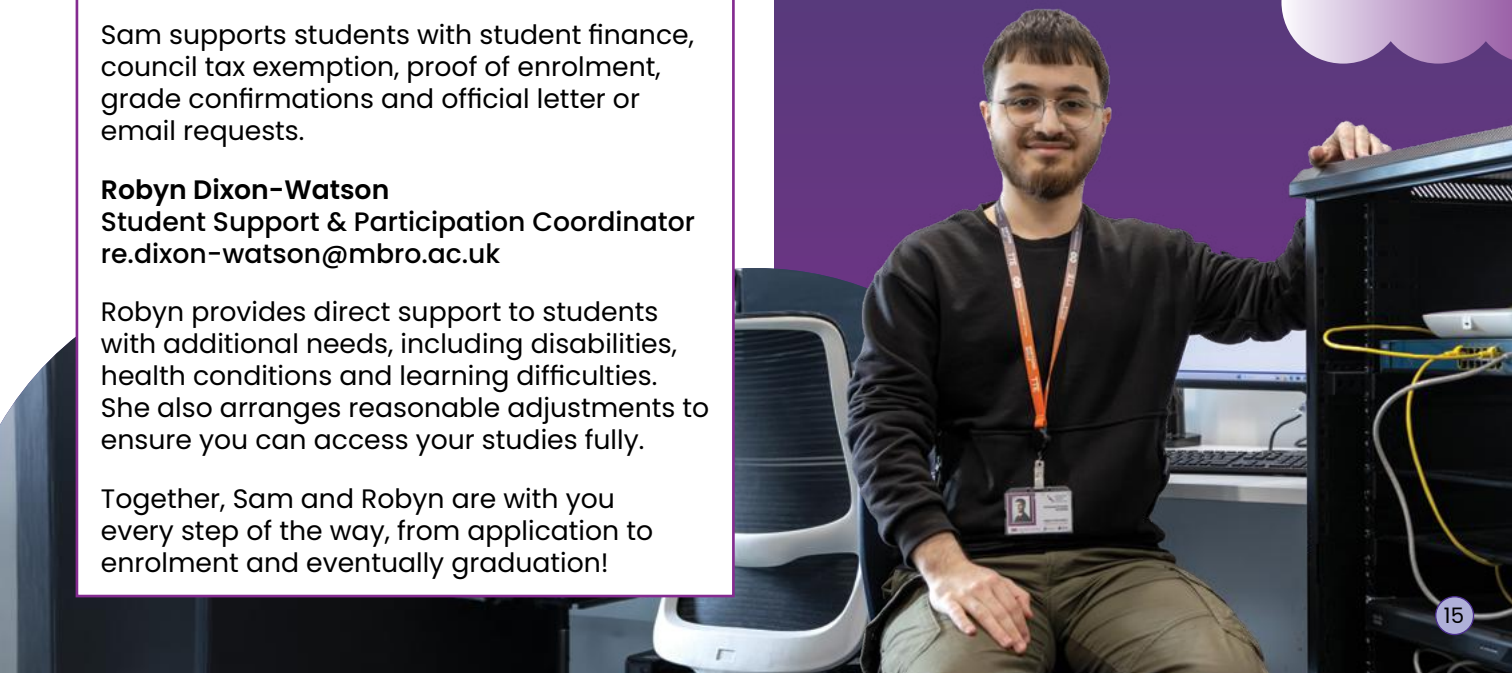
"The teaching staff go

above and beyond

to support their students, even helping to arrange practical shadowing experiences to build real-world confidence.

"Overall, the facilities are fantastic, the staff are highly knowledgeable, and it is a brilliant environment for anyone looking to advance their technical skills."

Mohammad Al Hallak
Fd Computing



Your student **EXPERIENCE**

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

From sport and music to gaming and books, there's a society for everyone. Can't find one that matches your passion? Start your own! Clubs and societies are the perfect way to make friends, try something new and build skills that employers love.





STUDENT EXECUTIVE TEAM

Want to go further? Our Students' Union Executive Officers take on specialist ambassador roles in areas like mental health, equality, diversity, inclusion and peer mentoring. Joining the team is a fantastic way to boost your CV, lead projects and show off transferable skills that set you apart.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Have your voice heard. Each year, one student from every class is elected to the Student Council. This is your chance to represent your peers, share ideas with senior staff, and make a real difference to student life.





STUDENT DISCOUNTS

Because being a student has its perks! With a NUS TOTUM card, you'll enjoy exclusive discounts at shops, restaurants and entertainment venues across the UK. You can also get great discounts by signing up to UNiDays!

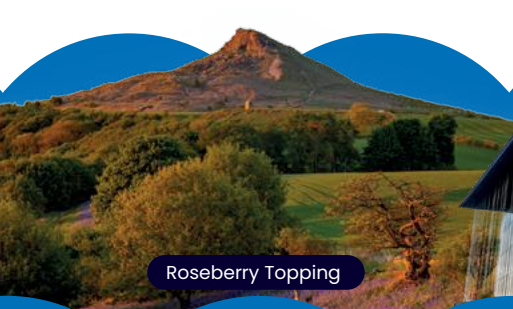
Studying in **MIDDLESBROUGH**

Middlesbrough is the perfect place to study, live and launch your career.

The town is bursting with culture, from independent restaurants and cafés to galleries, theatres and live music venues. But Middlesbrough offers more than just a great student experience.

With a thriving digital, creative, engineering and advanced manufacturing sector, Middlesbrough is home to major employers and ambitious start-ups alike. Studying here means you'll be connected to a region rich with placement, internship and graduate opportunities, helping you take your first steps into a successful career.


BoHo 'The Digital City' in Middlesbrough

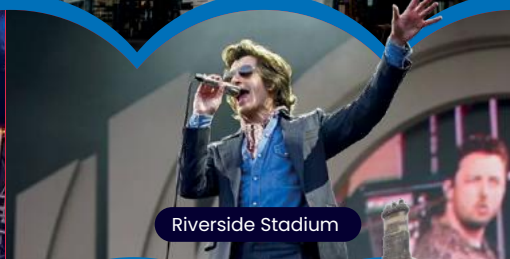

Roseberry Topping


Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art


Orange Pip Market



STACK


Riverside Stadium



Odeon Luxe



Teesside International Airport


£34m Railway Station upgrades


Hear from our
graduates!

Graduate in ***STYLE***

Graduation is the moment everything you've worked for comes together.

Every year, we proudly celebrate our graduates with an unforgettable ceremony. From walking across the stage in your cap and gown to capturing memories with family and friends, this special milestone marks your achievement and readiness to step confidently into your future!





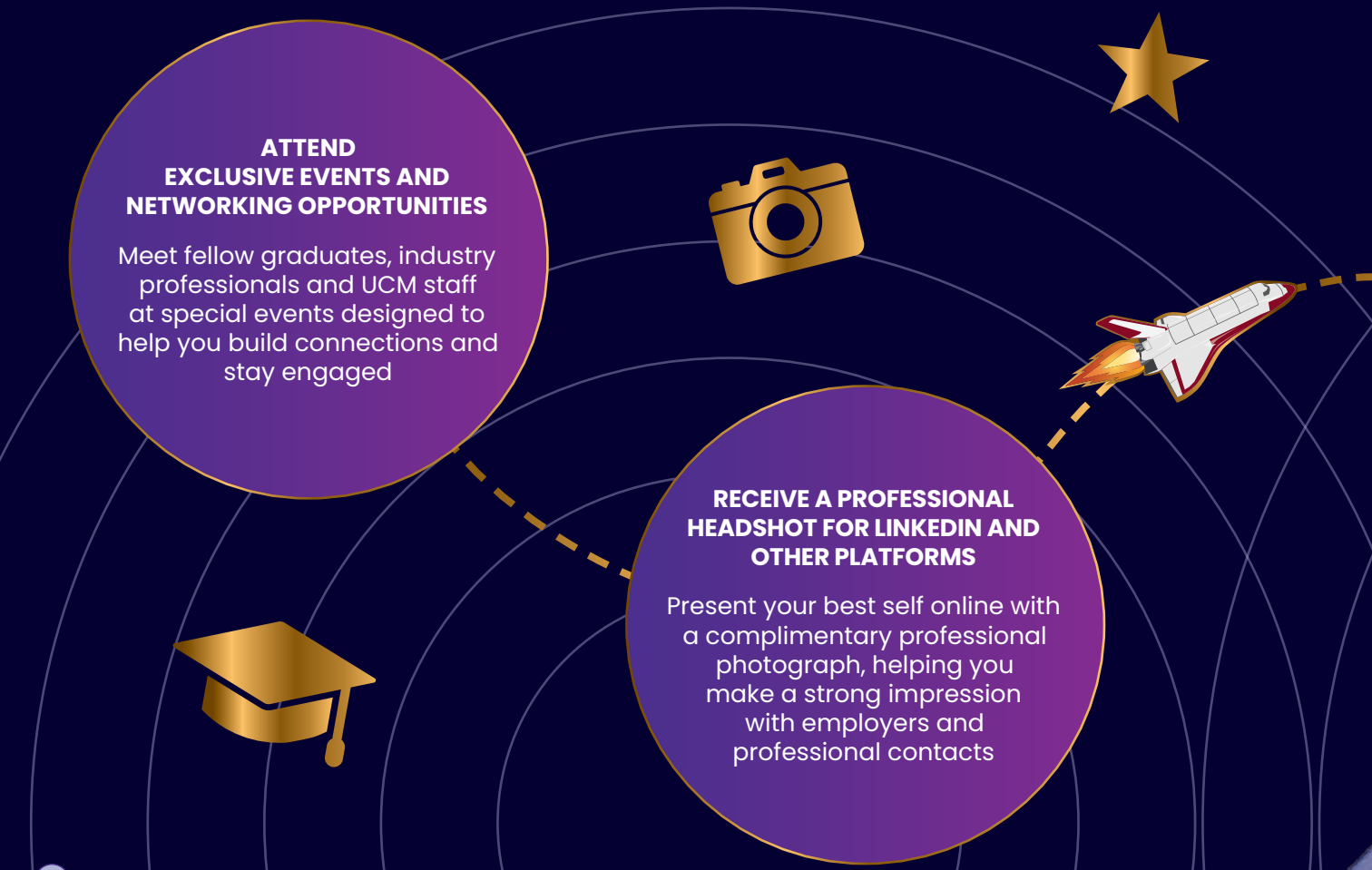




Your journey with UCM doesn't end **WHEN YOU GRADUATE**

Join our alumni community and continue to be part of a network that celebrates your achievements and supports your future.

As a UCM alum, you can:



ATTEND EXCLUSIVE EVENTS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Meet fellow graduates, industry professionals and UCM staff at special events designed to help you build connections and stay engaged

RECEIVE A PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOT FOR LINKEDIN AND OTHER PLATFORMS

Present your best self online with a complimentary professional photograph, helping you make a strong impression with employers and professional contacts


BEYOND UCM
Scan the QR code to visit the Beyond UCM page on our website!
SHARE YOUR STORY AND INSPIRE CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS
Give back by speaking at events and contributing your experiences, showing the next generation what's possible
CONNECT WITH A VIBRANT, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF FELLOW GRADUATES
Join a network of like-minded alumni, exchange ideas, collaborate, and celebrate achievements together long after you leave university

Access to
HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMAS

Your first step towards your dream degree

Want to study a degree but don't yet have the entry qualifications?

For many people, achieving their dream career is not always a straightforward path and traditional qualifications don't fit everyone's journey to success.

That's where Access to Higher Education Diplomas come in: one-year courses designed to help adults gain the qualification they need to progress to university and into their dream career. Plus, it could even be **free**!*

WHAT IS AN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA?

An Access to Higher Education Diploma is a nationally recognised Level 3 qualification that enables people without traditional qualifications to get into university.

HOW LONG DOES AN ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA TAKE?

Access courses take just a year to complete and are offered as either a daytime or evening option. They are typically studied two days a week, from September to June.

WHO ARE THEY FOR?

Access to Higher Education Diplomas are perfect for adults aged 19 and over who want to:

- Achieve the qualifications needed to progress to higher education
- Change careers or explore a new field
- Expand skills and knowledge for promotion or professional growth

Ready to start your journey? Take the first step towards your dream degree!

Scan the QR code to find out more about our Access to Higher Education Diplomas.



WHAT IS IT EQUIVALENT TO?

Access courses are equivalent to other Level 3 qualifications like A Levels. They are recognised by universities as an alternative to traditional academic qualifications.

CAN I STUDY FOR FREE?

Depending on your circumstances, your Access to Higher Education Diploma could be free:

- If you're aged 19 to 23 and this is your first full Level 3 qualification
- If you're aged 24+ and complete a degree after your course, your Advanced Learner Loan fees will be completely written off

CAN YOU WORK WHILE STUDYING?

Access courses are designed to work around your commitments. Whether you're working, have family responsibilities, or need to balance study with a busy lifestyle, you can still gain the qualification you need to unlock new opportunities.

*Your Access course could be free. If you go on to complete a university-level course, your Advanced Learner Loan will be written off!

All funding information accurate at the time of printing – please visit mbro.ac.uk for the most up to date information

TEES VALLEY





ACCESS TO HE COURSES WE OFFER:

BUSINESS

Career pathways include management, business advice, accountancy, marketing, human resources and banking.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Career pathways include web design, IT systems management, data analysis, programming and web development.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES (GAMES & MEDIA PRODUCTION)

Career pathways include games design, film, television, radio, journalism and photography.

ENGINEERING

Career pathways include a range of engineering disciplines, including electrical and electronic engineering, instrumentation operations, manufacturing engineering and mechanical engineering.

HEALTH SCIENCE PROFESSIONS

Career pathways include nursing, paramedic, midwifery and a range of exciting careers in the healthcare sector.

POLICING

Perfect for students who want to pursue a career in the police service.

SCIENCE

Career pathways include opportunities in a range of science disciplines, including biology, chemistry and physics.

Scan the QR code to hear more from our Access to Higher Education Diploma graduates!

TAKING SOPHIE HIGHER

“I had a stable career in motor vehicle sales before studying at Middlesbrough College, but it wasn’t what I wanted to do. It was scary to make the change, but I took the risk to take that first step forward, and now I’m in my dream career!

“My tutor was amazing. From day one, he told me that if I wanted to become a dentist, they’d do everything they could to help me get there – and they did. The careers team were great too, helping with my UCAS application, personal statement, and even interview prep.”

Sophie Gilmour

Now both a doctor and a qualified dentist, Sophie studied an Access to Higher Education diploma in Science and credits Middlesbrough College for kickstarting her journey.



“I took the risk to take that first step forward, and now I’m in my dream career”

Earn whilst you learn with a **HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP**

Through MC Apprenticeships & Training, we offer Level 4 and Level 5 Higher Apprenticeships.

These apprenticeships are a fantastic way to gain real-world experience and earn a wage while working towards a nationally recognised, degree-level qualification.

Scan here to find out more about higher apprenticeships

WHAT WE OFFER

Level 4 Apprenticeships

Equivalent to a Higher National Certificate (HNC) or your first year of university-level study.

- Accounting
- Children, Young People and Families Practitioner
- Construction Design and Build Technician
- Construction Quantity Surveying Technician
- Construction Site Supervisor
- Engineering Manufacturing Technician
- Marketing Executive
- Network Engineer
- Software Developer

Level 5 Apprenticeships

Equivalent to a foundation degree or your second year of university-level study.

- Audiovisual Technician

MC APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINING

Part of Middlesbrough College

DID YOU KNOW?

We are proud to be in the top 10 in the country for apprenticeship achievement rates! This recognition reflects our commitment to delivering high-quality apprenticeship training, supporting learners to develop their skills, achieve their ambitions and succeed in their chosen careers.

We work with over 2,000 employers, including:

A.V. DAWSON ROAD ▲ RAIL ▶ LAND ▼ SEA

CATERPILLAR®

CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE

PD PORTS

ZIZUS DAY CARE & LEARNING CENTRE

BRITISH STEEL

Durham University

KING'S College LONDON

GVAV AUDIO VISUAL SOLUTIONS

LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY

.MCD Digital Experience

HOW TO APPLY

Check out our current apprenticeship vacancies on the Middlesbrough College website and complete an application form today!

You can also speak with our Apprenticeship Team by calling **03453 404040** or emailing **apprenticeships@mbro.ac.uk**.

Scan the QR code to see our latest apprenticeship opportunities.

TAKING FYNN HIGHER



"One of the most valuable things I learnt at Middlesbrough College is communication. I've learned how to communicate with customers a lot better and explain technical things clearly.

"My course taught me everything, from understanding wiring diagrams to fault finding, and how different components work. Having that understanding has really helped me in my new job role."

Fynn Walker
HNC in Mechanical Engineering

Following the successful completion of his T Level in Electrical Engineering, Fynn was offered an apprenticeship with HC Controls Ltd, the company where he completed his industry placement. He later progressed to achieve an HNC in Mechanical Engineering at UCM.

Upskill your **WORKFORCE**

Partner with us to equip your team with the skills they need to succeed.

We offer a range of professional qualifications that take your organisation to the next level. Alongside demonstrating a clear path for progression in your organisation, our programmes boost productivity, enhance employee satisfaction and help you stay ahead in your industry.

HIGHER TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS (HTQs)

Train up technical minds with specialist, employer-designed qualifications that give your workforce hands-on industry experience and the skills to excel.

HTQs are developed by employers and awarding bodies and are available at Level 4 and 5, including:

- Higher National Certificates
- Higher National Diplomas
- Foundation Degrees
- Higher Education Diplomas

We currently offer HTQs in audio and music production, computing, construction and engineering.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Retain and develop your top talent with apprenticeships. Designed in collaboration with local employers, these programmes give your staff the hands-on skills and experience needed to excel in their roles through:

- Practical, on-the-job training tailored to real workplace challenges
- Academic study aligned with industry standards
- Support for career progression while boosting employee motivation and retention

Scan the QR code to find out more about HTQs!

Scan the QR code to find out more about apprenticeships

FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS

We offer flexible, part-time and online learning options that make it easy for staff to study at their own pace, without disrupting work!

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Scan the QR code to find out more about how we can future-proof your business and your team or contact **employers@mbro.ac.uk**

TAKING SADIE HIGHER

> “I knew UCM was the right next step for me after college”



“Many of the tutors I had during my college studies continued teaching me through to Level 6, which meant I had already built strong relationships with them. The smaller, close-knit environment really stood out to me, and the small class sizes meant I felt more supported and able to build strong relationships with both tutors and classmates.

“This degree offered a huge range of specialist skills and experience, including makeup fundamentals, special effects, prosthetics, body art, airbrushing, wig making, prosthetic ventilation and application, as well as hairstyling, fashion, theatre and historical hair and makeup.

“I developed theory, application techniques, communication skills, portfolio development, and learned how to build a strong professional network to support my transition into industry. The course also provided valuable hands-on experience across a range of roles.

“One of the highlights of the course was a trip to Paris, which brought our class and tutors even closer together.”

Sadie O’Neill
BA (Hons) Specialist Hair and Make-up Artistry for Creative Industries

How to apply **TO UCM**

Scan here to find out how to apply

APPLY DIRECT

You can apply for a University Centre Middlesbrough course direct without going through UCAS. Applying direct is quick, easy and free!

Step 1: Head to our website via the QR code above and find the course you want to study.

Step 2: Click 'Apply Now' and complete the online application form.

Once your application is received, we'll arrange an informal chat for you and the course programme leader to discuss the course, answer any questions and make an offer if you meet the entry requirements.

APPLY THROUGH UCAS

If you would prefer, you can apply to our programmes via UCAS. If your application is successful, our team will formally offer you a place through UCAS and your programme leader may get in touch for an informal discussion.

To apply through UCAS, follow the below steps:

Register your details: If you're new to UCAS, create an account and fill in your personal information.

Student Finance England: If you've told UCAS you'll need help paying for your course, your information will be shared with Student Finance England who will process your application.

Course selection: You can apply for up to five higher education courses. You can find UCAS codes on each individual course on our website.

Personal statement: You will need to craft a personal statement to support your application. This is your opportunity to sell yourself and make your UCAS application stand out from the crowd. Tell us your future career ambitions and why you want to study your selected programme.

References: Ask a former tutor, advisor or professional to provide an academic reference that supports your application.

Submit: Submit your application with a £34.50 UCAS fee. Financial support may be available via Student Services depending on your circumstances.

Understanding
UCAS TARIFF POINTS

When applying for a university course, you'll see UCAS tariff points listed as part of the entry requirements. These points are a way to measure your predicted grades or qualifications and show whether you meet the entry criteria for a course.

Don't worry if you don't meet the exact points; relevant industry experience or vocational training can also be considered.

Contact our team to arrange an interview with the programme tutor, who will assess your suitability and help you explore your options.

See the UCAS tariff table overleaf!

You can use the UCAS Tariff Calculator to work out your points - simply enter your qualifications online to see your UCAS points!

See our courses on UCAS! Scan the QR code to find our higher education courses on UCAS.com.



EXTENDED PROJECT	GCE & VCE AS LEVELS (& CORE MATHS)	GCE & VCE A LEVELS	TARIFF POINTS	NCFE CACHE LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA	NCFE T LEVELS	NCFE CACHE LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE	BTEC (QCF) LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA	BTEC (QCF) LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA	BTEC (QCF) LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA	BTEC (QCF) CERTIFICATE	OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA	OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA
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			160				D*D*D				D*D*D	
			152				D*DD				D*DD	
			144	A	D		DDD				DDD	
			128				DDM				DDM	
			120	B	M							
			112				DMM	D*D*			DMM	
			104					D*D				
			96	C	P(A*–C)		MMM	DD			MMM	
			84			A*						D*D*
			80				MMP	DM			MMP	
			78									D*D
			72	D	P(D or E)	A						DD
			64				MPP	MM			MMP	
			60			B						DM
		A*	**56**						D*			
		A	**48**			C	PPP	MP	D		PPP	MM
		B	**40**								D*D*D*	
			36			D						MP
		C	**32**					PP	M			
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Fees and **FINANCE**

Your ambitions shouldn't be limited by finance. Whatever your financial situation, there's a range of financial support options available to help you fund your studies and focus on achieving your goals.

TUITION FEE LOANS

Full and part-time students who are studying a qualification worth 30 credits or more can apply for a tuition fee loan through Student Finance England.

Repayment starts only when you're earning over £25,000.

MAINTENANCE LOANS

If you are a full-time UK student, you can also apply for a maintenance loan to help with living costs such as accommodation, food and bills.

EMPLOYER SPONSORSHIP

Some employers may cover part or all of your tuition fees, especially if the course relates to your current role. This is a great way to develop your skills, boost work performance and advance your career.

GRANTS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

Eligible students can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) via Student Finance England. The DSA can support students with:

- Learning difficulties
- Mental health conditions
- Physical disabilities
- Long-term health conditions

The allowance can be used for specialist equipment, non-medical helpers or travel costs. Applications open from February half-term and can take up to 14 weeks to process, so make sure to apply early!

For more information, visit:
www.gov.uk/student-finance and search for DSA.

DID YOU KNOW?

Graduates usually earn about 32% more than those without a university qualification and 9 out of 10 graduates are in a job compared to 7 out of 10 non-graduates.*

*Source: universitiesuk.ac.uk (2026)

Need help applying? Our team can guide you through the process of applying for loans and financial support

Hear from our **GRADUATES**

"I've always wanted to teach, even as a child, but I never thought it would actually happen. I've now been teaching here for four years. My favourite moment is always seeing students achieve their qualifications and hearing them say they couldn't have done it without me. I honestly can't see myself being anywhere else."



Dan Campbell
Level 5 Certificate in Education

"It's helped me grow so much – from becoming a qualified personal trainer and gymnastics teacher to achieving my degree. Now that I'm studying for my Primary PGCE at York St John University, I'm excited to be broadening my passion for teaching and physical activity to the whole curriculum."



Charlotte Bingham
BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching, Development & Fitness

"I've loved my time at UCM – the support from tutors and the friendships I've made have been amazing. I'm now completing my top-up degree to achieve my BA (Hons) and looking forward to building my own business as a self-employed bridal hair and make-up artist."



Natasha Osborne
Fd Specialist Hair & Make-up Artistry for Creative Industries

"Studying at UCM gave me the confidence and knowledge to progress...I'm proud to now be teaching travel and tourism alongside my role as a cabin manager with Ryanair – it's exciting to be inspiring others while continuing to grow in a field I love."



Wiktoria Sosnowska
BA (Hons) Airport & Airline Passenger Management

The **SMALL PRINT**

All the Higher Education awards detailed in this guide are validated by The Open University or Pearson Education. The validating body is identified against each course on our website and you will receive your final award from the appropriate institution upon graduation. Your application and should you be successful, subsequent enrolment on these courses is subject to Middlesbrough College's policies, academic regulations and contractual obligations.

Some of our awards are subject to validation by The Open University or Pearson. This means the courses are in development and the details of the courses are in the process of being finalised by The Open University or Pearson. We would expect courses to be approved, however, should any course not receive approval, you will be informed as soon as we are made aware and assistance will be provided to you to help you find an alternative course either at University Centre Middlesbrough or another provider.

COURSE CLOSURE

In the interest of providing a positive experience for all of our students, we monitor the level of demand for all of our courses very closely. If we feel that the number of students enrolled on any course will have a negative impact upon their experience or present a risk to health and safety, we reserve the right to close the course before the start of the new academic year. Should this action be necessary, we will take this decision as early as possible and inform you immediately. Please be assured that closing a course due to low numbers is a rare occurrence. If this action is necessary we will discuss it with you and offer any assistance that we can to help you identify an alternative course, either at University Centre Middlesbrough or at another provider.

CHANGES TO COURSES

To ensure that our courses are current and reflect the latest academic, technological, legislative and social changes, all are subject to annual review. These reviews may result in minor changes to content, methods of assessment or other details. Where these changes are necessary, we will advise you as early as possible with an open offer to discuss the impact they have on the course. While we hope you will see the value of such changes, we respect your right to withdraw your application if you believe that the course no longer meets your needs.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

We hope that your experience is positive and successful, but we accept that on occasion there may be something that might cause you to be dissatisfied with the service you receive. If this happens during your dealings with us, then the College welcomes your views so that we can answer your concerns and improve our services for the future. Please see our website for details on how you can inform the College of any concern or complaint you may have. All correspondence is treated in confidence.

Scan for essential information about our courses

If you require this information in an alternative format, e.g. large print, Braille, audio or another language, or help with understanding the information, please call the Marketing Team on **01642 333619** and they will support you with your request.

OPEN EVENTS:

Thursday 3rd December 2026
5:15pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 20th January 2027
5:15pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 10th March 2027
5:15pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 6th May 2027
5:15pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday 15th June 2027
5:15pm – 6.30pm

APPRENTICESHIP EXPO

Tuesday 9th February 2027
4:00pm - 6:00pm

See all of our latest events on our website

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